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November 15, 1985

The Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

We request that you designate a representative to testify before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence at 10:30 a.m. in our hearing room, SH-219 Hart Senate Office Building, on November 21, 1985.

The general focus of this hearing is the future of the Soviet Union. The Committee is particularly interested in the problems and prospects of the Soviet system and their implications for U.S. intelligence needs. The Committee would like to hear and discuss your appraisal of the most important strategic decisions that the new Soviet leadership is likely to face over the next three to five years. It is also interested in examining alternative lines of research and analysis that the Intelligence Community should consider in planning its long-term collection and production programs.

Among the questions your representative should address are:

- 1. As new domestic pressures or international tensions force Soviet leaders to choose between internal and external goals, what sorts of intelligence do you expect will be most valuable to future U.S. policymakers?
- 2. What are the most significant changes and uncertainties in your projections of the Soviet system in the 1990's?
- 3. How do these changes and uncertainties affect the focus and priorities for the Intelligence Community's longer-term approach to economic, social and political aspects of Soviet power and policy?



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Members of the Committee have been provided with copies of the recent paper by Henry Rowen, which we understand you have discussed with him, on Gorbachev's Choices: The Attraction of Seeking Relief -- and Help -- From the West as background reading for this hearing.

We appreciate your willingness to cooperate with the Committee and look forward to a productive and illuminating

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